

MEMORANDUM

To: The National Resource Board, Chapter Presidents, Council Chairs,
Regional Vice Presidents, and Staff

From: Joseph McGurrin, Director of Resources
Allison Benedetti, EAS Program Coordinator

Date: September 16, 2002

Subject: 2003 Embrace-A-Stream Grant Program

Trout Unlimited is pleased to announce that it is now accepting Embrace-A-Stream ("EAS") grant applications for eligible coldwater fisheries conservation projects. Since 1976, EAS has awarded cash grants to TU chapters and councils for resource, research, and education projects. Last year, EAS provided approximately \$191,000 for 37 projects that included water and habitat quality improvements, native fish restoration, instream flows, youth education, and fish population research.

Beginning in 2001, TU entered into a new partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Community-based Restoration Program that enhanced the capability of local TU organizations and communities to protect and restore coastal rivers and habitats. We encourage TU chapters and councils in coastal states and states with anadromous fish resources to continue to apply for funding with EAS and our partners in NOAA's Community-based Restoration Program. TU organizations in coastal areas will receive more information on the partnership in October.

Enclosed are application materials for the 2003 funding cycle. Chapters and councils are urged to publicize the EAS funding opportunity in newsletters and other communication vehicles. Periodic updates about the EAS program will appear in *Lines to Leaders*, and program information is available at www.tu.org. The attached request for proposals and application form will also be available on-line at www.tu.org in the Library section.

EAS Committee members (see enclosures) and staff are prepared to provide advice and guidance on potential project applications. For further information or to request additional copies of the application forms, please contact Allison Benedetti at (703) 284-9410 or at abenedetti@tu.org.

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